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Reasoned statement with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability; documents and statements to support this finding

Reference is made to the following documents:

- D1: DE 297 00 930 U1 (SIEMENS AG, 80333 MUENCHEN, DE) 3 April 1997 (1997-04-03)
D2: US-A-5 828 025 (NEUMAIER ET AL) 27 October 1998 (1998-10-27)

1 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

The present application does not meet the requirements of PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 is not novel within the meaning of PCT Article 33(2).

Document D1 discloses (the references placed between parentheses relate to this document):

A high-voltage outdoor bushing arrangement having an electrically insulating casing (4) and switch-disconnector module (6) which has an electrically conductive housing (1), with a phase conductor (5) which can be interrupted into a first section and a second section by means of an isolating gap extending along an axis (5) through the bushing arrangement, in which case a switching piece (12) can be moved at an angle to the axis (5).

2 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-8

Dependent claims 2-8 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer back, satisfy the PCT requirements for novelty or inventive step, see the documents D1, D2 and the corresponding text references cited in the search report.

3 INDUSTRIAL APPLICABILITY

The application relates to a high-voltage outdoor bushing arrangement, therefore meeting the requirements of PCT Article 33(4) for industrial

applicability.